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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2007

Centennial Recreation Center

Senior Center
171 West Edmundson

Senior Advisory Commission

Chair	Susan Fent
Vice-Chair	Jeannette Riley
Commission Member	Gloria Subocz
Commission Member	Betty Gardner
Commission Member	Betty Ancheta
Commission Member	Gigi Smith
Commission Member	Vacant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fent called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Riley absent.

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VERBAL REPORTS - SAC COMMISSIONERS

Chair Fent suggested that the Commission send a letter of appreciation to past Commissioner William Quenneville in appreciation for his tenure on the SAC. Chair Fent said that she would draft a letter and present it at the June meeting for comments and approval.

Commissioner Subocz reported that she had spoken to Renee Kelly-Thorne from the Outreach Meals-on-Wheels program and was told that the program serves twenty (20) seniors in Morgan Hill. The seemingly small number of participants was discussed by the commission. Chair Fent suggested that Commissioner Subocz research the reasons for such a number by contacting OUTREACH again and also asking how the SAC might be of assistance with the program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2007.

Commissioner Subocz moved to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Ancheta seconded the motion. Motion carried (5:0). Minutes approved.

BUSINESS

2. MORGAN HILL ASSISTED LIVING COMPLEX

Information Item. Ricardo de la Cruz will provide information on the planned Morgan Hill Assisted Living Center.

Ricardo de la Cruz spoke to the commission about the upcoming Morgan Hill Assisted Living facility scheduled to open in the fall of 2008 on Cochrane Road. He provided handouts with a plot plan and a description of the facility, planned programming, and information on Sunwest Management, Inc., the operator of the facility.

3. CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER UPDATES

Information Item. CRC Supervisor, Chris Ghione, will provide information on the possibility of increasing senior parking and Senior Center signage on Edmundson.

In an effort to improve parking at the CRC, Chris Ghione reported that the parking lot is scheduled for expansion. An increase in handicapped spaces is not anticipated. It was commented that the handicapped spaces closest to the Senior Center are often used by non-senior members of the CRC. Chris Ghione will send out a notice to the CRC members asking them to keep those handicapped spaces closest to the Senior Center accessible to handicapped seniors during the hours of operation of the Senior Center.

Because there are not enough handicapped parking spaces to accommodate all the handicapped seniors who attend the Senior Center, it was suggested by Chris Ghione that special passes could be issued to handicapped seniors (who request them) that could be placed in their vehicles giving them priority over non-handicapped seniors to park in the senior designated parking spaces. Chris and Patricia Wyman will take responsibility for this.

Staff Lengsfeld reported that a senior had suggested that a Senior Center sign on Edmundson would be helpful. Chris Ghione said that he would look into the possibility of adding on to the current signage, but also suggested that a banner might be effective.

4. SENIOR RATES AT CITY FACILITIES

Information Item. CRC Supervisor, Chris Ghione, will provide an update on the rate structure for seniors at the Centennial Recreation Center and Aquatics Center.

Chris Ghione reported that the CRC does not offer specific rates for seniors. The facility does offer a Special Hours Pass that is currently marketed to seniors who are retired and able to use the facility between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Supervisor Ghione noted that seniors make up 10% of the CRC membership and that the goal is 18%. It was noted by the Commission that this rate is only beneficial for one person. The Aquatics Center currently offers a senior rate for daily and season recreation swim passes. Senior rates are not offered for other Aquatics Center programs. Supervisor Ghione said that staff will continue to collect comments from customers and from the SAC and would like to review the financial implications for implementing such comments in the next month. He indicated that staff will be working towards bringing proposed changes to the City Council early in the next fiscal year.

(Chris Ghione provided a memo in which the current status and future plans for the review of senior rates at the CRC and Aquatics Center. A current membership rate schedule for the CRC, information on financial assistance, and a break down of CRC memberships by age were also provided. It was requested that this item will be placed on a future agenda.)

5. SAC WORK PLAN

Action Item. Work plan reports from Commissioners.

Senior Programming at the CRC and Outreach - All Commissioners

Identify the SAC Target Population, Comprehensive List of Local Senior Resources, and Public Pedestrian Pathway Improvements - Commissioner Gardner

Elder Abuse - Chair Fent

Emergency Services Plan for Vulnerable Seniors - Chair Fent & Commissioner Ancheta

Senior Transportation and Nutrition - Co-Chair Riley

By consensus of Commission, this agenda item was tabled until the June meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

1. Discussion and Motion regarding cancellation of the July SAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Subocz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ancheta seconded the motion. Motion carried (5:0). Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Adjournment to the next monthly meeting on June 5, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Room #1, Centennial Recreation Center, 171 West Edmundson, Morgan Hill.